

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-7, 10-20, and 23-26 were rejected under §102(b) over Mizikovsky.

Responsive to the rejection of the claims, independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed better to distinguish the invention of the present application over the cited reference.

With respect to apparatus claim 14, the recitation of the input device has been amended, now to recite that the input device receives a first user-generated input, a second user-generated input, and a third user-generated input that define, respectively, an external triggering event, a reminder, and an action. Method claim 1 recites the analogous method steps of generating a reminder, defining an external triggering event and defining an action.

The Examiner's reliance upon Mizikovsky for disclosing the invention, as now recited, is respectfully traversed. In particular, Mizikovsky fails to disclose an input device, or corresponding method steps, for receiving the three user-generated inputs, nor does Mizikovsky disclose a memory for storing, in indexed form, the reminder and indications of the external triggering event and the action.

The recited method and apparatus of the present invention, in essence, provides three degrees of design freedom to associate triggering events, reminders, and actions to cause generation of selected reminders, in selected manners, responsive to selected triggering events. Mizikovsky fails to provide such three degrees of design freedom. And, the cited portions of the reference appear only to provide a manner by which to cause a predetermined response category responsive to identification of a calling party of a call terminated at a mobile station.

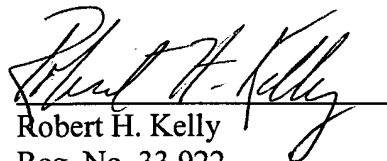
As the structure and method of the independent claims, as now presented, differ with that disclose in Mizikovsky, the claims are believed to be distinguishable therefrom. And, as the dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective claims, the dependent claims are believed to be distinguishable over the reference for the same reasons as those given with respect to their parent claims.

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In light of the foregoing, independent claims 1 and 14, as now amended, and the remaining ones of the dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. In the alternative, request is made to enter the proposed amendments to place the case in better form for consideration on appeal. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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